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"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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## Editorial

### The President's Farewell Words

My wife: be careful about her: don't let  
her know.

Let no one hurt him.

I am sorry to have been a cause of trouble  
to the exposition.

Nearer my God to Thee.

Good-by all, good-by. It is God's way. His  
will be done, not ours.

### In Memoriam

It is God's way; his will be done, not ours." It was in the sweet assurance of a faith which gave expression to these words that the soul of President McKinley departed this life.

The assassin's unprecedented crime aimed at the Constitution and the Government for which the President stood and at liberty everywhere, its utter unreasonableness in a time of peace and prosperity, its Judas-like grimness and the significance of its consequences in our history, all together plunged these United States into universal and heartfelt grief; but while we mourn because of these things, our sorrow is personal because we regret that a character so noble and a life so pure should be taken from us. The official life of William McKinley was marked always by wisdom, honor and faithfulness. He is numbered among our purest patriots. His private life was marked by devotion to those whom he loved, by kindness, sincerity, and charity toward all. His manliness is worthy of emulation by every American boy.

While we shall always think of President McKinley as our beloved leader, uppermost in our memory shall be his Christian character, whose influence shall live on. Men differed from him in many points. But all true men admire the consecrated life and the triumphant death that were his. We have read hundreds of loving tributes paid to him and still they are being said. Among the most beautiful things we have yet found are the words of William J. Bryan who, tho he was Mr. McKinley's opponent was his friend. We quote them at length: "It is inexpressibly sad. His life was remarkable and his character above reproach. His personal

qualities were such that he had no enemies. The blow aimed at him is at his Government and is felt by all." Because he was a Christian and an American we delight to honor him and to sacredly cherish his memory. May his unsullied character and his generous spirit inspire us all to Christian patriotism.

Near Louisville, Ohio, there is a quiet country house which is the home of a woman whose life of service has won her many friends. We are glad to know her as a friend and as a sister in the church we love. This woman was for years a servant girl in the home of President McKinley. Every summer he with Mrs. McKinley has retired to that peaceful little home to visit with this woman. Not many weeks before his death Mr. and Mrs. McKinley had paid her a visit. Need we marvel at his greatness? They are truly great and they alone who are kind in heart and grateful in word and deed toward all and especially toward those who have served and helped them. And it is the Christ-life that prompts such beautiful conduct. President McKinley's deep spiritual life was the source of his greatness. His faith in God and belief in Jesus as his Saviour crown him with immortality. The life that he lived was inspired by that same trust and its influence is lasting.

### The Story of Joseph

All the Sunday-school lessons in the month of October, and one lesson in November are in the life of Joseph. For this reason we direct special attention to a little book recently issued which will be of great help to teachers and pastors and scholars. The book is The Story of Joseph, by J. R. Miller. It is not a biographical sketch, there are many such sketches already; it is a reading of the story for its practical lessons. The story of Joseph is one of the most remarkable in the Bible, and the reader of this little volume will find that it touches the life of today at many points. Dr. Miller has the very happy faculty of translating these ancient Bible stories into modern life. The price of the book is 40 cents prepaid. Every school in the brotherhood should order a number of copies, at least as many copies as there are teachers. Scholars too will want it. It will prove a very helpful and valuable addition to your library. Order at once so as to get the full benefit of the story in the study of the lessons during October and November. Order of the Brethren Publication Board, Ashland, Ohio; in lots of five or more 35 cents not prepaid.

Ruskin says: He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.